(घ) जबकि कपड़े की कीमतों पर अपि-चारिक नियंत्रण न तो व्यावहारिक है और न ही वांछनीय है फिर भी कपड़े की कीमतों में वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में शामिल हैं, यानी कीमतों से संबंधित उपाय, शुल्कों का ढांचा, जनता कपड़े पर उपदान में वृद्धि, कच्ची रुई की कीमतों को मानीटरी तथा सस्ते कपड़े के उत्पादन को प्रोत्साहन ।

Issue of Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificates to Small Scale Units

*414. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the norms laid down by Government for issuing of Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificates (DEEC) to new small scale units for import of machinery, components, raw-materials etc. and maximum financial ceiling consignment-wise, quarterly/annually;

(b) whether such units are allowed to sell some percentage of finished products in domestic market; if so, on what terms and conditions; and

(c) the names of the authorities who are issuing Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificates to small sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN) : (a) Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificates are issued to advance licence holders. These certificates contain the list of raw materials, components, consumables, packing materials, mandatory spares etc. alongwith resultant export products. Neither any distinction is made between the SSI or large scale units nor any financial ceilings are imposed for the issue of DEEC. The details of the policy and procedures relating to the norms for issuing the DEEC are contained in Chapter XIX of Import-Export Policy and Hand Book of Procedures 1990—93.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) All licensing authorities are competent to grant Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificates as per their respective regional jurisdiction.

A list of these authorities is given in Appendix II-B of the current Hand Book of Procedures.

Central Legislation of Ground Water Development

415. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of Water RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a central legislation on ground water development; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Free Trade Zone in Goa

*416. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Goa Government to establish a Free Trade Zone in Goa;

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal is pending;

(c) what are the conditions and pre-requisities to sanction and establish a Free Trade Zone;

(d) whether Government also contemplate to start duty Free Ports in the country on the pattern of Hong Kong and Dubai; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN) : (a) and (b) The Government of Goa sent a proposal on 16-6-90 to create an export trade island where industries would be set up with exports as their first priority. In reply, the Government of Goa was informed that the Government of India would duly consider and accord appro-

vals to 100% Export Oriented Projects which are located in the area earmarked for the 100% Export Oriented Units cluster to be developed by the State Government.

(c) The following determinants were considered while taking a decision to establish new Export Processing Zones at Madras, Cochin, Noida, Falta and Visakhapatnam :

(i) proximity of an international seaport or airport;

(ii) existence of an industrial infrastructure;

(iii) availability of commercial infrastructure such as banking, insurance warehousing etc;

(iv) linkage with hinterland for inputs;

(v) existence of communication facilities;

(vi) availability of community infrastructure (housing, health, municipal services etc.).

(d) and (e) Some suggestions had been received for the development of Free Port in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Government have since decided not to establish a Free Port in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Permission to Karnataka Government for Financing of Irrigation Projects through Public Bonds

*417. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sought permission of the Central Government to raise resources through public bonds for financing irrigation and power projects; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present scheme of Public Sector Bonds is confined to Central Public Sector Undertakings.

Buy-back Agreement for Newsprint with Kenya

*418. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any buy-back agreement for newsprint has been signed with Kenya;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment of requirement of newsprint has since been made; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Registrar of Newsprint for India has estimated the total requirement of Newsprint for the year 1990-91 at 5.65 lakh tonnes.

Extension of Scheme of Group Insurance by LIC to Handloom Weavers in Private and Cooperative Sectors

*419. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of group insurance suggested by the LIC with the approval of Government would be extended to cover handloom weavers in the private sector alongwith the handloom weavers in cooperative sector;

(b) whether any representation has been received proposing certain modifications in the scheme to help handloom weavers;

(c) if so, what are the modifications proposed; and

(d) what action has been taken thereon in the light of the modification proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) As the administration of a Group Insurance Scheme requires a nodal agency for